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NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER O	F PERSON TO CON	TACT IN REGARD T	O THIS REPOR	KT.
J. PETER	PURCELL		18 - 436	
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INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTAN	NT whose opinion is	contained in this Repo	rt*	
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my		wledge and belief the accompanying financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of
	<u>, v 1</u>	25HÉ KAPLAN STERLING INVESTMENTS, as
of		MARCH 31, 2006, are true and correct. I further swear (or affirm) that
nei	ther	the company nor any partner, proprietor, principal officer or director has any proprietary interest in any account
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X		Statement of Income (Loss).
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X		Statement of Changes in Liabilities Subordinated to Claims of Creditors.
図		Computation of Net Capital.
		Computation for Determination of Reserve Requirements Pursuant to Rule 15c3-3.
		Information Relating to the Possession or Control Requirements Under Rule 15c3-3.
		A Reconciliation, including appropriate explanation of the Computation of Net Capital Under Rule 15c3-1 and the
	٠,	Computation for Determination of the Reserve Requirements Under Exhibit A of Rule 15c3-3.
	(k)	A Reconciliation between the audited and unaudited Statements of Financial Condition with respect to methods of
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X	(1)	An Oath or Affirmation.
	` '	A copy of the SIPC Supplemental Report.
		A report describing any material inadequacies found to exist or found to have existed since the date of the previous audit.

<sup>\*\*</sup>For conditions of confidential treatment of certain portions of this filing, see section 240.17a-5(e)(3).

PURSHE KAPLAN STERLING INVESTMENTS, INC.
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
MARCH 31, 2006 AND 2005

#### PURSHE KAPLAN STERLING INVESTMENTS, INC.

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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Directors
Purshe Kaplan Sterling Investments, Inc.
Albany, New York

We have audited the accompanying balance sheets of Purshe Kaplan Sterling Investments, Inc. (a New York corporation) as of March 31, 2006 and 2005, and the related statements of income, changes in stockholder's equity, cash flows and supplementary income statement schedules for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Purshe Kaplan Sterling Investments, Inc. as of March 31, 2006 and 2005, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

May 4, 2006 Albany, New York Sloaum, Ditingelus & Associates, P.C.

#### PURSHE KAPLAN STERLING INVESTMENTS, INC. BALANCE SHEETS MARCH 31, 2006 AND 2005

	<u>ASSETS</u>	2/	006		2005
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CURRENT ASSETS Cash and cash equivalents Receivables -		\$	380,193	\$	129,142
Clearing broker Direct commissions Other Prepaid expenses Prepaid income tax			235,224 56,006 65,709 19,473 -0-		177,833 73,665 81,539 18,559 5,217
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Total current assets			756,605		<u>485,955</u>
FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT, net of \$ 10,96 and \$ 2,444 in 2006 and 2005, respectively	37		57,683		31,902
OTHER ASSETS					
Cash deposited with clearing broker Security deposits			75,000 <u>16,882</u>		50,000 25,127
			91,882		75,127
TOTAL ASSETS		\$	906,170	<u>\$</u>	592,984
LIABILITIES AND	STOCKHOLDER'S EC	UITY			
CURRENT LIABILITIES Accounts payable and accrued expenses Sub-clearing deposits Income taxes payable		\$	422,222 10,000 2,851	\$	278,023 10,000 -0-
Total current liabilities			435,073	_	288,023
NOTE PAYABLE TO PARENT- Subordinated			<u>150,000</u>		<u>-0-</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES			585,073		288,023
COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES					
STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY Common stock, 200 shares no par value authorized, issued and outstanding Additional paid in capital Retained earnings			10,000 119,028 <u>192,069</u>		10,000 119,028 175,933
Total stockholder's equity			321,097		304,961
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDER'S E	QUITY	\$	906,170	\$	<u>592,984</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

#### PURSHE KAPLAN STERLING INVESTMENTS, INC. STATEMENTS OF INCOME FOR THE YEARS ENDED MARCH 31, 2006 AND 2005

DEVENUE O		<u>2006</u>	2005
REVENUES Principal trading Mutual fund commissions Securities commissions Interest income and other	\$	344,438 5,911,665 2,484,140 153,303	\$ 928,204 4,077,051 2,366,016 32,597
Total revenues		8,893,546	7,403,868
COST OF REVENUES (Supplementary schedule)		6,831,434	 5,449,698
GROSS PROFIT		2,062,112	 1,954,170
OPERATING EXPENSES Rent Administrative payroll and benefits Selling and administrative (Supplementary schedule)		363,133 824,342 833,014	328,186 895,920 727,261
Total operating expenses		2,020,489	 1,951,367
NET INCOME FROM OPERATIONS BEFORE TAX		41,623	2,803
INTEREST EXPENSE		(12,125)	-0-
PROVISION FOR TAXES		(13,362)	 (4,979)
NET INCOME (LOSS)	<u>\$</u>	16,136	\$ (2,176)

# PURSHE KAPLAN STERLING INVESTMENTS, INC. STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY AND CHANGES IN LIABILITIES SUBORDINATED TO THE GENERAL CLAIMS OF CREDITORS FOR THE YEARS ENDED MARCH 31, 2006 AND 2005

	Common Stock	Additional Paid In <u>Capital</u>	Retained Earnings	Total Stockholder's <u>Equity</u>
Balance-March 31, 2004	\$ 10,000	\$ 119,028	\$ 178,109	\$ 307,137
Net income (loss)			(2,176)	(2,176)
Balance-March 31, 2005	\$ 10,000	\$ 119,028	\$ 175,933	\$ 304,961
Net income	-0-		16,136	16,136
Balance-March 31, 2006	\$ 10,000	<u>\$ 119,028</u>	\$ 192,069	\$ 321,097

#### LIABILITIES SUBORDINATED TO CLAIMS OF GENERAL CREDITORS

Balance – March 31, 2005	\$ -0-
September 2005 loan from parent	 150,000
Ralance - March 31, 2006	\$ 150 000

#### PURSHE KAPLAN STERLING INVESTMENTS, INC. STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEARS ENDED MARCH 31, 2006 AND 2005

		2006		2005
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES				
Net income (loss)	\$	16,136	\$	(2,176)
Adjustments to reconcile net income to	Ψ	10, 130	Ψ	(2,170)
net cash provided by operations:				
Depreciation		8,523		2,443
(Increase) decrease in:		0,020		2,440
Receivables -				
Clearing broker		(57,391)		49,388
Direct commissions		17,659		513
Other		15,830		(55,084)
Prepaid expenses		(914)		(8,661)
Prepaid income taxes		5,217		(5,217)
		0,217		(3,217)
Increase (decrease) in:		144,199		(91,699)
Accounts payable and accrued expenses		-0-		(91,099 <i>)</i> -0-
Sub-clearing deposits				-
Income taxes payable		<u>2,851</u>		(2,973)
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities		152,110		(113,466)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES				
Purchase furniture and equipment		(34,304)		(34,345)
Repayment from security deposit		8,245		-0-
To increase balance on deposit with clearing broker		(25,000)		-0-
To increase balance on deposit with cleaning broker		(20,000)	_	
Net cash flows from investing activities		( <u>51,059</u> )		(34,345)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES				
Proceeds from subordinated note payable		150,000		-0-
1 1000000 Irom outbordinated note payable		100,000	•	
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH				
EQUIVALENTS	\$ 2	251,051	\$	(147,811)
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CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - BEGINNING				
OF YEAR		129,142		276,953
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS ~ END				
OF YEAR	\$3	380 <u>,193</u>	\$	129,142
SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURES OF CASH	FLOW INF	ORMATION		
NCOME TAXES PAID				
Provision for income taxes per statement of income	\$	13,362	\$	4,979
Adjustments related to income taxes	*	(8,068)	**	8,190
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TOTAL INCOME TAXES PAID	\$	<u>5,294</u>	\$	13,169

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

# PURSHE KAPLAN STERLING INVESTMENTS, INC. SUPPLEMENTARY INCOME STATEMENT SCHEDULES FOR THE YEARS ENDED MARCH 31, 2006 AND 2005

		2006	2005
COST OF REVENUES			
Clearing and execution	\$	576,746	\$ 576,487
Sales and trading salaries		1,548,478	1,251,821
Payroll taxes and benefits		179,085	186,694
Retirement plan		47,784	48,429
Independent agent commissions		3,916,694	2,744,507
Errors and omissions		353,433	498,284
Fees and regulatory		209,214	 <u>143,476</u>
Total cost of revenues	<u>\$</u>	6,831,434	\$ 5,449,698
SELLING AND ADMINISTRATIVE			
Insurance	\$	44,280	\$ 26,454
Office		87,919	71,803
Postage		42,186	43,563
Communication and technology		132,285	170,991
Professional fees		47,207	24,263
Payroll and data processing		37,782	43,667
Advertising and promotion		16,618	32,114
Travel		17,345	13,446
Meals and entertainment		31,274	22,362
Equipment rental and repair		29,943	30,336
Telephone		24,320	37,695
Utilities		27,577	30,576
Computer supplies		10,604	10,875
Depreciation		8,523	2,444
Customer statements		32,226	12,440
Other		25,425 217,500	4,232
Management (service and facilities)		217,500	 150,000
Total general and administrative	<u>\$</u>	833,014	\$ 727,261

## PURSHE KAPLAN STERLING INVESTMENTS, INC. NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS MARCH 31, 2006 AND 2005

#### (1) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

This summary of significant accounting policies of Purshe Kaplan Sterling Investments, Inc. (the "Company") is presented to assist in understanding the Company's financial statements. The financial statements and notes are representations of the Company's management who is responsible for their integrity and objectivity. These accounting policies conform to generally accepted accounting principles and have been consistently applied in the preparation of the financial statements.

#### NATURE OF OPERATIONS

The Company is a broker/dealer of securities registered under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. The Company clears all of its customers' transactions through National Financial Services, LLC, ("NFS") another registered broker/dealer, on a fully disclosed basis. The Company increased the amount deposited with National Financial Services, LLC to \$ 75,000 during 2006 pursuant to its clearing agreement.

The Company also introduces transactions for another broker/dealer through NFS under a sub-clearing agreement which provides, among other terms, that the Company hold a \$ 10,000 sub-clearing deposit.

The Company is a wholly-owned subsidiary of PKS Holdings, LLC (the "Parent Company", a New York State limited liability company).

#### METHOD OF ACCOUNTING

Revenues and related broker expenses are recorded on a trade date basis.

#### CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

The Company considers all highly liquid investment instruments purchased with a maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents. Money market fund cash balances are included as cash and cash equivalents.

#### FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT

Equipment is stated at cost and is depreciated using the straight line over estimated useful lives of 5 to 7 years.

#### USE OF ESTIMATES

The process of preparing financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the recorded amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses. Such estimates primarily relate to unsettled transactions and events as of the date of the financial statements. Accordingly, upon settlement, actual results may differ from estimated amounts.

#### COMPENSATED ABSENCES

Compensated absences are paid as incurred on an annual basis and do not carry over to future years. Accordingly, no accrual for such costs has been made in these statements.

#### **INCOME TAXES**

The provision for income taxes includes the tax effects of transactions reported in the financial statements and consists of taxes currently due plus deferred taxes. Deferred taxes are recognized for differences between the basis of assets and liabilities for financial statement and income tax purposes. This accounting policy reflects the application of Statements of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 109, "Accounting for Income Taxes".

#### CHANGE IN PRESENTATION

Certain balances in the 2005 financial statements have been reclassified to conform with the 2006 presentation with no effect on net income.

### PURSHE KAPLAN STERLING INVESTMENTS, INC. NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS MARCH 31, 2006 AND 2005

#### (2) INCOME TAXES

The Company provides for income taxes using the applicable statutory rates. The components of income taxes for the years ended March 31, 2006 and 2005 are as follows:

2006

2005

Current tax expense

13,362

4,979

The Company does business in most states within the United States and accordingly, pays a minimum tax to each of them

#### (3) COMMITMENTS

The Company is headquartered in Albany, New York. The premises are leased under the terms of a non-cancelable operating lease.

		Base
	Expiration	Annual
Location	Date	Rent
Albany, New York	October 31, 2009	\$ 373,139

Base annual rent does not include contractually billed additional incurred operating expenses.

The future aggregate minimum rental payments under all leases are as follows:

Year Ended <u>March 31,</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2006	373,139
2007	373,139
2008	373,139
2009	217,664
2010	-0-

#### (4) RETIREMENT PLAN

In 1998, the Company adopted a 401(K) retirement plan for the benefit of its employees. Contributions to the plan by the Company are limited to a maximum of 3% of employee compensation and are based upon employee contributions. Employees must be 21 years of age and employed for three months to participate. Company contributions to the plan amounted to \$47,784 and \$48,429 in 2006 and 2005, respectively.

#### (5) RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Company pays its Parent Company fees to cover management costs. The total fees charged to the Company amounted to \$ 217,500 and \$ 150,000 in 2006 and 2005, respectively. The unpaid portion of these costs amounted to \$ -0- and \$ -0- in 2006 and 2005, respectively.

The Company purchases its insurance coverage against errors and omissions risk from a related company that is licensed and regulated under the laws of the British Virgin Islands. Policy premiums of approximately \$ 353,000 and \$ 225,000 were paid in 2006 and 2005, respectively. Registered securities representatives who are associated with Purshe Kaplan Sterling Investments have the option of coverage under the policy and accordingly share in the cost.

## PURSHE KAPLAN STERLING INVESTMENTS, INC. NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS MARCH 31, 2006 AND 2005

#### (6) LITIGATION

The Company has been named as a defendent in separate customer matters in process of arbitration before the National Association of Securities Dealers. The Company is represented by its internal legal department and maintains that the likelihood of a material award in any of these matters is improbable. Further, insurance coverage is adequate to cover unanticipated losses.

#### (7) LIABILITIES SUBORDINATED TO CLAIMS OF CREDITORS

In September, 2005, the Company borrowed \$ 150,000 from its parent company. The note and its related terms, which include interest at the annual rate of 15%, were found acceptable by the National Association of Securities Dealers as a satisfactory subordination agreement. Accordingly, the note amount is allowed as net capital in the computation described in Note (8).

#### (8) NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS

The Company is subject to the Securities and Exchange Commission Uniform Net Capital Rule (Rule 15c3-1), which requires the Company to maintain a minimum net capital of \$5,000. Additionally, aggregate indebtedness can not exceed 1500% of net capital.

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
Computed net capital, including subordinated note	<u>\$ 301,897</u>	<u>\$ 124,690</u>
Aggregate indebtedness, excluding subordinated note	144%	231%

The Company is exempt from Rule 15c3-3 under subsection (k). Under this exemption, the "Computation for Determination of Reserve Requirements" and "Information Relating to the Possession or Control Requirements" are not required.

The Company is under contractual obligation with its clearing broker to maintain net capital of \$250,000 and \$100,000 in 2006 and 2005, respectively. Lines of credit with a principal stockholder of the Company's Parent are in place to assure compliance with this requirement.

#### (9) FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS WITH OFF-BALANCE SHEET CREDIT RISK

The activities of the Company's customers are transacted on either a cash or margin basis through the facilities of its clearing broker. In margin transactions, the clearing broker extends credit to the customers, subject to various regulatory and margin requirements, collateralized by cash and securities in the customer's account. In connection with these activities, the clearing broker may also execute and clear customer transactions involving the sale of securities not yet purchased.

These transactions may expose the Company to significant off-balance-sheet risk in the event margin requirements are not sufficient to fully cover losses which the customers may incur. In the event the customers fail to satisfy their obligations to the clearing broker, the Company may be required to compensate the clearing broker for losses incurred on behalf of the customers.

The Company, through its clearing broker, seeks to control the risk associated with its customers' activities by requiring customers to maintain margin collateral in compliance with various regulatory and internal guidelines. The clearing broker monitors required margin levels daily and, pursuant to such guidelines, requires the customers to deposit additional collateral, or reduce positions, when necessary.

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### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION REQUIRED BY RULE 17a-5 OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

To the Board of Directors Purshe Kaplan Sterling Investments, Inc. Albany, New York

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Purshe Kaplan Sterling Investments, Inc. as of and for the years ended March 31, 2006 and 2005, and have issued our report thereon dated May 4, 2006. Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The information contained in Exhibit I is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements, but is supplementary information required by rule 17a-5 of the Securities and Exchange Commission. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

May 4, 2006 Albany, New York Soum. De Angelus & Associates, P.C.

#### PURSHE KAPLAN STERLING INVESTMENTS, INC. SUPPLEMENTARY FINANCIAL INFORMATION MARCH 31, 2006 AND 2005

### EXHIBIT I - COMPUTATION OF NET CAPITAL UNDER RULE 15c3-1 OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

3 SAMMIC STOTA	NET CAPITAL		
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Total stockholder's equity Add- Liabilities subordinated to clai	ms of creditors	\$ 321,097 150,000	\$ 304,961 -0-
Total stockholder's equity		\$ 471,097	\$ 304,961
Deductions -			
Commissions receivable, outsta Other receivables Prepaid items Security deposits Funds reserved for regulatory fe Excess fidelity insurance deduct Fixed assets	es	2,725 65,709 14,852 16,882 4,621 5,000 57,683	11,667 81,539 23,693 25,127 83 5,000 31,902
Total deductions		167,472	179,011
Net capital before haircuts on money	market accounts	303,625	125,950
Haircuts on money market accounts		1,728	1,260
Net capital		301,897	124,690
Net capital requirement (Based on a indebtedness if greater than \$ 5,0		29,006	<u> 19,201</u>
Excess net capital		<u>\$ 272,891</u>	<u>\$ 105,489</u>
	AGGREGATE INDEBTEDNESS	<u> </u>	
Accounts payable and accrued expe Sub-clearing deposits Income tax payable	nses	\$ 422,222 10,000 2,851	\$ 278,023 10,000 -0-
Total aggregate indebtedness		<u>\$ 435,073</u>	<u>\$ 288,023</u>
Ratio of aggregate indebtedness to r	net capital	1.44 to 1.00	2.31 to 1.00
	<u>IATION WITH COMPANY'S CO</u> IA of Form X-17A-5 as of March (		
Net capital, as reported in Company's l	Report	\$ 312,923	\$ 124,690
Difference - Accrual Adjustments		(11,026)	
Net capital under Rule 15c 3-1, audited	1	<u>\$ 301,897</u>	<u>\$ 124,690</u>

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CONTROL REQUIRED BY SEC RULE 17a-5

Board of Directors
Purshe Kaplan Sterling Investments, Inc.
Albany, New York

In planning and performing our audits of the financial statements of Purshe Kaplan Sterling Investments, Inc. (the "Company") for the years ended March 31, 2006 and 2005, we considered its internal control structure, including procedures for safeguarding securities, in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control structure.

Also, as required by Rule 17a-5(g) (1) of the Securities and Exchange Commission, we have made a study of the practices and procedures (including tests of compliance with such practices and procedures) followed by the Company that we considered relevant to the objectives stated in Rule 17a-5(g), in making the periodic computations of aggregate indebtedness and net capital under Rule 17a-3(a)(11) and the procedures for determining compliance with the exemptive provisions required by Rule 15c3-3. Our study revealed that Purshe Kaplan Sterling Investments, Inc. was in compliance with the conditions of the exemption and that no facts came to our attention indicating that such conditions had not been complied with during the period. We did not review the practices and procedures followed by the Company in making quarterly securities examinations, counts, verifications and comparisons, and the recordation of differences required by rule 17a-13 or in complying with the requirements for prompt payment for securities under Section 8 of Regulation T of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, because the Company does not carry security accounts for customers or perform custodial functions relating to customer securities.

The management of the Company is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control structure and establishing the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of internal control structure policies and procedures and of the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph and to assess whether those practices and procedures can be expected to achieve the Commission's above-mentioned objectives. Two of the objectives of an internal control structure and the practices and procedures are to provide management with reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that assets for which the Company has responsibility are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition and that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Rule 17a-5(g) lists additional objectives of the practices and procedures listed in the preceding paragraph.

Because of inherent limitations in any internal control structure or the practices and procedures referred to above, errors or irregularities may occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of them to future periods is subject to the risk that they may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the effectiveness of their design and operation may deteriorate.

Our consideration of the internal control structure would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control structure that might be material weaknesses under standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of the specific internal control structure elements does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that errors or irregularities in amountsthat would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. However, we noted no matters involving the internal control structure, including procedures for safeguarding securities, that we consider to be material weaknesses as defined above.

We understand that practices and procedures that accomplish the objectives referred to in the second paragraph of this report are considered by the Commission to be adequate for its purposes in accordance with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and related regulations, and that practices and procedures that do not accomplish such objectives in all material respects indicate a material inadequacy for such purposes. Based on this understanding and on our study, we believe that the Company's practices and procedures were adequate at March 31, 2006 and 2005, to meet the Commission's objectives.

This report is intended solely for the use of management, the Securities and Exchange Commission and other regulatory agencies which rely on Rule 17a-5(g) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and should not be used for any other purpose.

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